

Habitat Management Enhancements



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Use a flushing bar when harvesting forage to allow the exit of wildlife from the path of harvest equipment.

Definition

Secure nesting cover is often limited where crop and hay production is the primary land use. Tame hay land provides wildlife escape, roosting, nesting or winter cover and food. Herbaceous cover plots also provide roosting and thermal cover allowing a variety of wildlife species to access cropland food supplies during winter. Utilization of a flushing bar allows wildlife to exit the hay field during mechanical harvest operations thereby reducing wildlife mortality and nest destruction.

Where Used

This enhancement may be used for entire or portions of tame hayland fields.

Documentation Required

Field Number	Acres	Target Wildlife Species

Payment Rate

The payment rate is an annual payment per acre of hayland harvested with the use of a flushing bar.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that, if requested, I will provide additional documentation to support the above information.

Signature _____ **Date** _____